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General information

Name of Office:	Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (OAPI) African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)
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Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within two months from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is a power of attorney or a replacement sheet of the description, claims or drawings Yes, within six months from the date of entry into the national phase for documents relating to priority (instrument of assignment of priority and, only when PCT Rule 17.1(c) applies, priority document) No, in the case of other documents
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Competent designated (or elected) Office for the granting of an OAPI patent if at least one of the above States is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (see National Phase)

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Types of protection available via the PCT: OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

Provisions of the OAPI legislation concerning international-type search: None

Provisional protection after international publication: None

Information of interest if OAPI is a designated (or elected) Office

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if OAPI is a designated (or elected) Office: Must be in the request if the inventor has not renounced in writing the right to be named. If the data concerning the inventor are not in the request, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement and to pay a fee within a time limit fixed in the invitation. In any case, a patent may not be granted before the required corrections have been made.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material? No
